



**ST. JUDE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dear Parents of St. Jude's and St. Simon's Schools,

Perhaps you are aware that the Archdiocese of Toronto has decided that those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will in the future be for those in Grade 7, (seven) and no longer Grade 8 (eight). This means for **this school year only**, those students currently in Grade 7 and Grade 8, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a result, we will have a double cohort.

Our Parish Confirmation Team met at the end of the summer, and decided that splitting the two grades made more logistical sense for all concerned. This means, that one grade will be Confirmed this fall and the other in the spring.

Since the Grade 8's and their teachers will have much on their plate in the spring, we have decided that the Grade 8's will prepare for Confirmation this fall and receive the Sacrament in November of 2015. The Grade 7 students will prepare for Confirmation in January of 2016 and receive the Sacrament in May 2016. The actual dates of the Confirmation Ceremony will be given at the Orientation sessions.

Attached to this email are the dates for the Orientation Sessions for the Parents of children in **Grade 8 only**. A number of dates are provided. You simply choose one of the dates, then either call or email the office, to inform us as which session you will attend. At that session you will be given the **Confirmation Registration Form and the dates for the Confirmation Ceremony**. At that same meeting you will receive further instructions as to how and when to return these completed Forms.

Once we have completed the registration of the Grade 8's for Confirmation, **we will then proceed with the Orientation and Registration of the Grade 7's**. We will be publishing dates and times in the bulletin and via email who provided one, so please be attentive to this.

We thank you for your co-operation in this process and look forward to a meaningful time of preparation and celebration of this Sacrament.

Again, choose one of the dates below, either call or email the office as to what session you will attend.

**Grade 8 Orientation Sessions ONLY**

**Saturday, September 12 at 10:00am**

**Sunday, September 13 at 7:00pm**

**Thursday, September 17 at 7:30pm**

**Friday, September 18 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday September 20 at 1:30pm (Spanish only)**

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Respectfully,

  
Rev. Efren Alvarez Pelayo